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CHOCOLATES

Hakoah to be nucleus of national team

— By PAUL DEAN —

Australian national team coach Joe Vlasits is likely to build his squad around Sydney Hakoah players for our tentatively scheduled World Cup quest.

Vlasits, who will announce his squad next week or so, feels that what with Hakoah in such consistent form, they should supply the nucleus of the national team.

Although he would not even hint at his possible choices, Vlasits is known to be toying with the idea of naming at least five Hakoah players: Marnoch, Watkiss, Yaager, Baartz and Edmunds.

Vlasits' headaches — and they are numerous — include the loss of form by several of his key players: Abonyi, Westwater and Warren.

However, he is unlikely to drop any at this stage.

Vlasits still feels that all these could regain form in which case they would again play an important part in the team's success.

It wouldn't be surprising to see an increased quota of Queenslanders in the initial squad: Kelly, Wilkins and Richards stand an excellent chance of forming a northern trio.

SA YOUNGSTERS

While Western Australia is unlikely to provide any squad members, South Australia's youngsters have deeply impressed Vlasits on his recent trip South.

As a result, he is seriously considering to invite Romanowicz, Perin, Pantelis and the more experienced Birch to join his squad.

Victoria's contribution may include Keith, Van Alphen, Vojtek, McColl, Abonyi and Randles, while Sydney players could be, on top of the Hakoah quintet, Corry, Schaefer, Scheinflug, Alagich, Cole, Ackerley, Warren, Westwater and possibly Goldie.

One or two Newcastle players, probably Lloyd being one of them, may also be selected.

Vlasits is known to be keen

to play with two "orthodox" wingers who have speed and a direct approach — hence his well justified interest in Edmunds and Alagich.

PLANNING AHEAD

If Pan Hellenic's Cole would get the verdict ahead of Van Alphen to be Marnoch's understudy, this would only indicate a forward looking policy by Vlasits who has repeatedly expressed his wish to build teams for years ahead.

As soon as Vlasits announces his squad, he will also request the ASF to approve a 10-14 day training camp before the New Zealand encounter.

He regards this period as absolutely essential to bring the players to their peak and knock them once again into an effective, formidable unit. It is almost certain that Vlasits will again be "partnered" by Melbourne's John Barclay as team manager.

The two formed a highly successful and happy tandem on the team's Asian tour last year and against Japan this year.

Of course, all these are merely speculations as Vlasits will not name his initial squad until next week.

And even that may be delayed — if the ASF gets its long-awaited reply from FIFA in Zurich, refusing to accept the "McAndrew-Plan" which suggested a drastic rezoning of the originally drawn up two Asian and Oceania World Cup subgroups.

The latest rumor from Zurich is, however, that the "McAndrew-Plan" will be knocked on the head and FIFA will insist on retaining the two subgroups.

(Ours includes Australia, Japan, Rhodesia and South Korea; the other one has in it New Zealand, Israel and

REYNOLDS MOVES UP

Despite an unimpressive display last weekend, Hakoah's Allan Marnoch retains his commanding lead in the SOCCER WORLD-FLOTTA LAURO Players' Contest.

Marnoch is well clear of Vic Reynolds, who has regained second place at the expense of Yugal's Petar Banicevic.

Banicevic shares third place with the consistent De Bruin (Melita Eagles) and Dennis Yaager of Hakoah.

Only three other players have averaged four points or more after 15 First Division championship rounds, including Prague's David Zeman, whose rise in the ratings has been spectacular.

This is how they stand with seven matches remaining:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marnoch (Hakoah)	4.40						
Reynolds (Croatia)	4.15						
Banicevic (Yugal)	4.08						
De Bruin (Melita)	4.08						
D. Yaager (Hakoah)	4.08						
Schaefer (St. George)	4.00						
Scheinflug (Prague)	4.00						
Zeman (Prague)	4.00						

Our top player at the end of the championship will win a six-day cruise to New Zealand donated by Flotta Lauro, on one of their luxury liners, the "Angelina Lauro" or the "Achille Lauro".



There's action galore in the Croatia goalmouth as the menacing Tolson is sandwiched between goalie Corry and stopper Curry in this incident from last Saturday's match at Marks Field. Lurking in the background is South Coast United's Alston.

New 'Greek God' may swing honors dash

Reinforced at the best possible time by "Luke the Great," Pan Hellenic are now poised to give Hakoah a great race for the championship.

The battle for first place is now definitely between this pair and whichever triumphs, Sydney will celebrate a brand-new champion side.

In fact, the first four could make a nice break from the rest of the field, particularly

After this weekend one or two teams could start dropping out of the semifinal dash.

if Polonia go down and Prague get at least one point.

For South Coast, St. George and Melita there are no more vital issues left in 1968.

If they possess farsighted enough managements, they will use the remaining seven matches to start finding their teams for the 1969 campaign and make the best of a bad bargain.

Canterbury, once again staging their almost traditional late-season revival, are gradually pulling clear of Manly.

One or two more wins would see them safe — and the first of these could come this weekend.

That would undoubtedly leave Manly hopelessly isolated and doomed.

But — football is an uncertain business.

At this stage none of the three main issues have been settled and until after this weekend at least, the championship and semifinal races as well as the relegation battle may still hold many surprises for all of us.

— P.D.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE						HOME	AWAY						NEXT OPPONENT							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P							
Hakoah	15	10	4	1	33	14	24	7	5	1	1	16	7	11	8	5	3	—	17	7	13
Pan Hellenic	15	11	1	3	30	12	23	8	7	—	1	18	7	14	7	4	1	2	12	5	9
Prague	15	8	3	4	30	20	19	6	5	1	—	13	1	11	9	3	2	4	17	19	8
APIA	15	6	6	3	26	21	18	6	3	2	1	10	7	8	9	3	4	2	15	14	10
Polonia	15	7	3	5	21	18	17	9	4	2	3	14	13	10	6	3	1	2	7	5	7
Croatia	15	7	2	6	22	24	16	7	3	2	2	9	9	8	8	4	—	4	13	15	8
Yugal	15	6	3	6	20	24	15	9	3	3	3	10	13	9	6	3	—	3	10	11	6
South Coast Utd.	15	4	4	7	28	23	12	7	4	—	3	23	12	8	8	—	4	4	5	11	4
St. George	15	4	4	7	14	19	12	9	2	3	4	8	14	7	6	2	1	3	6	5	5
Melita Eagles	15	3	5	7	13	21	11	7	—	4	3	7	12	4	8	3	1	4	6	9	7
Canterbury	15	2	4	9	16	38	8	7	2	2	3	9	13	6	8	—	2	6	7	25	2
Manly	15	1	3	11	15	34	5	9	—	1	8	5	19	1	6	1	2	3	10	15	2

* HOME MATCH

Prague
St. George *
Hakoah *
South Coast Utd. *
Croatia
Polonia *
Manly
APIA
Pan Hellenic
Canterbury *
Melita Eagles
Yugal *

READERS' LETTERS

Corry blamed

I am fully aware that selectors' decisions always meet with some disapproval.

However, on some occasions disagreement is justified, especially when a particular selection is outrageous — and this is the case as regards Ron Corry.

Admittedly, there is no finer goalkeeper in Australia to make the simplest saves look spectacular — but what we want is a 'keeper who can save "true shots".

We don't want a goalkeeper (like Corry) who gets a shot straight to him, lifts both feet off the ground and catches the ball in a magnificent dive.

Diving should only be engaged in when it is absolutely essential.

After all, how often does one see Banks, Yashin, etc., engaging in these aeronautical displays, unless fully justified?

Positioning and anticipation are the essence of a good goalkeeper — not theatrics which unfortunately seem to be Corry's "forte."

Corry finds himself obliged to dive at the straight shots because he realises he has no show on difficult drives, for which other goalies (e.g. Fuzes, Tuimman) reserve the ultimate in their qualities.

Corry let us down against Japan and Cardiff City.

There are other 'keepers in Sydney who are true guardians of the thin white line.

How about it selectors?

Norbert Lipton,
Rose Bay.

Reader Lipton is entitled to his opinions. He also has every right to question the selectors' choice. We cannot, however, agree that Corry "lets us down" against Japan and Cardiff. If our memory serves us correctly Corry perhaps had a hand, so to speak, in only one of the three goals he conceded against Japan. Against Cardiff, after shaking off early nervousness, he performed with distinction and cannot be blamed in any way for the four goals which went past him. — Editor.

Newcastle view

Your correspondent "Rosebud" (28/6/68) despite his claim to be of Novocastrian birth, has little knowledge of Northern soccer.

He asks if it be true that "wasn't it Newcastle which wanted autonomy from Sydney in soccer affairs in the first place?"

Indeed, it most certainly was.

Northern soccer interests were completely fed up with the ineptitude and selfishness of the Sydney-based control.

Where does he get his idea that it has been "discovered" that they (the North) cannot make a go of it without 'big brother'?"

Perish the thought, Rosebud. The so-called "big brother" can stay in his own backyard as regards administration — which, past or present, is certainly nothing to boast about.

The North's objection, and surely it is a fair one, is "big brother's" filching for himself the title of "NSW," when he is no more than a resident of Southern NSW and does not represent ALL of the

State as the title he has taken unto himself suggests.

"Rosebud" may come to Newcastle once each month as he says, but he obviously finds out little about the game here when he does.

To say that the standards have slipped "incredibly" is to criticise the standard in Southern NSW, since the North's team did little worse, if any, against Cardiff City, and with a team that had even less preparation than did the Sydney-South Coast XI.

If, as "Rosebud" claims, "crowds are almost non-existent" how come attendance records are being set this season — as at Weston last Sunday when the attendance was the best since 1937 and that the crowd at Adamstown was the biggest this season.

If, as he writes, the game has slipped in the North and advanced in Sydney, how is it that the only soccer clubs in ALL of NSW which own their own grounds are in the North and why is it that all Northern First Division clubs are financially sound and not in the "red"? Can "big brother" say the same thing? I doubt it.

Paul MacKenzie,
Newcastle.

"I'm alright Jack"

I have waited for a long time hoping that somebody may come up with the idea and suggest that Sydney and Newcastle should come under one organisation.

I have read a few letters in the "Readers' Letters" section which suggested some ill-feeling between the two cities.

Since I have been in Australia (11 years) I have been searching for an answer why these two cities are separated into two different competitions.

The distance can't be the reason (2½ hours travel), and Newcastle is big enough to produce and cater for two top grade teams, which could be good enough in any competition in Australia.

Perhaps Sydney's attitude towards the North is "I'm alright Jack, and don't need you."

Or perhaps Newcastle says: "We won't let ourselves be dominated by any Sydney mob. We can manage our own affairs."

Both attitudes — if they in fact exist — are utterly, irresponsibly wrong.

The Newcastle standard in First Division soccer is lower than in Sydney at the moment.

But there are enough players for two teams, which could be strong enough for Sydney standard.

Given a fair go, Newcastle could again be a stronghold in Australian soccer.

No matter what anybody says or officials think, for healthy progress the two cities should work under one Federation.

No use to talk, or even think about a national, or "super" league, if Newcastle and Sydney cannot get together!

A. Kovacs,
Windale.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

SLOVAN BRATISLAVA are very keen to pay a return visit to Australia in January. Slovan played delightful football when they toured previously in 1966, and would again be most welcome visitors. Another Czechoslovakian club, TRENCIN, are also interested in visiting us. The odds, however, are that Prague, the sponsors, will settle on Slovan, Joe Venglos' former team.

Hakoah fullback, IAN HILLSDON, is really in the "dough". He has purchased a bread-run in the Western suburbs. Team-mates might nickname him "loafer", but as far as soccer ability is concerned, it's not the right word. (From the "Hakoah News".)

All entrants in St. George-Budapest's highly successful inaugural FOOT-TENNIS competition are cordially invited to attend the final next Monday evening and join the club directors for supper.

Six players in the MELITA team which drew 1-1 with St. George last Saturday played for Cumberland last season. Five of them — teenagers Stephen Watts, Tony Edwards, Bobby Smith, Gary Quested and John Brennan (12th man) — were members of Cumberland's championship-winning third grade side in 1968. The sixth member of the sextet was Dave Goldie — Cumberland's third grade coach last year!

Channel 9's Saturday morning sports show, despite many conferences with their executives, continues either to attack or to ignore soccer. Last week, after half an hour of inane "discussion" on every trivial aspect of rugby, the two "permanent panelists", Ron Casey and Tom Rogers dismissed soccer in a matter of seconds — so quickly that they only read half the weekend's program. We suggest that every soccer official and fan bombard the Station's executives with strong protests pointing out that the program is being used as a blatant anti-migrant and anti-soccer propaganda weapon.

Don't be surprised if Prague's teenage forward, GARY MANUEL, has a spell in the reserves. Manuel has been badly off-target in recent matches. Ever since his serious car accident, he seems to have lost his shooting power and accuracy. Gauto, too, may be dropped for a while. His recent form has been poor and his shooting atrocious.

Maria, the 18-year-old daughter of FRANK ARDIA, Prague's long-serving gear steward (15 years) was married last Saturday, a few hours after the Prague v. Canterbury match.

Polonia's new coach is JOE HORINEK, one of the finest ball-players in Sydney in his heyday — some 15 years ago with Prague. Horinek, a former First Division Czechoslovakian player, replaced George Azzopardi in a shock move last week.

The wives of Prague's Dr. BUJNA and PAVEL MOLNAR are only due in Sydney in the middle of October now.

Jubilant Pan Hellenic supporters milled outside their dressing room at Marks Field last Sunday after the 4-0 win over Yugal and carried club president, JIM MALLOS, shoulder-high. Most of the players were carried off the field in triumph.

APIA's Argentinian DI LONARDO is starting to show the form which earned him a fair reputation back home. He has been playing well in recent weeks and was one of the best players on the field in triumph.

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CANTERBURY - MAR RICKVILLE players and officials from the old days will hold a reunion night at the St. George-Budapest Club, 84 Victoria Avenue, Mortdale, on August 8. Any one who has played, or was connected with the Berries in any official capacity, is welcome to attend. For enquiries ring Jimmy Bellwood (74-8974) or Saints' Soccer House (57-4778).

Eighteen-year-old GIULIA-NO DI SANTI, a member of Cumberland's all-conquering third grade team last year, made a successful first team debut for Western Suburbs last Saturday. Di Santi's rise has been spectacular. At the start of the season he was just another third grader with Wests.

The FOREST RANGERS under-13 "B" team, playing in the St. George Association competition, scored 100 goals and only conceded four in 12 matches this season. They have averaged 8.4 goals a match and their 100th goal was scored by centre-forward Gary Mealing last Saturday. We would like to hear from other junior teams with a similar outstanding record.

American schoolboy soccer coach, TREVOR PUGH, reports that many US school matches are divided into four quarters, players sent to the bench are allowed to resume, and new blocks of up to eight players can be introduced. Soccer rules are mixed with the rules of ice hockey and gridiron. Pugh is hopeful that the game can be established under international rules. He also reports that there are some moves in the States to put more goals in the game. Overall, in senior football, he can see nothing but hard work and commonsense to fully establish the game nationally, and feels that the modest success of the American League and the large attendances for top European and South American touring teams means that success could come over many years. The Press gives good cover to American League games in some cities, and virtually none in others.

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The party will be managed by Bruce Pleasant and Dave Childs and coached by Laurie Hegyes, the former St. George-Budapest coach.

Yet another player is likely to soon join St. George-Budapest: he is a goalkeeping winger from Cambridge City, MICHAEL DENTON, due here in about two months.

Junior tourists selected

After last weekend's under-16 State trials (City v. Country), the NSW team which will tour New Zealand, commencing on August 22 was selected:

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Plea heeded

It's nice to see that our plea last week for assistance for the NSW under-16 team which will tour New Zealand hasn't gone unheeded.

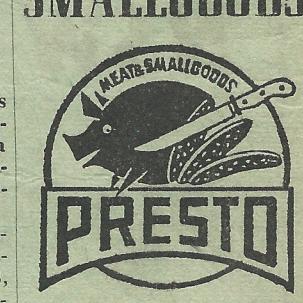
As a result of our call for help, two clubs have already manifested themselves.

Western Suburbs have offered to pay the expenses of K. Edmonds, the Western Suburbs Association representative in the team, and St. George-Budapest have also promised to do their share of fund-raising, probably in the form of a social function.

We trust other senior Federation clubs will come to the party and assist a worthy cause.

For enquiries, contact David Childs, 20 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere, the NSW ASFA secretary.

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McANDREW HITS BACK HARD AT VIC. SNIPERS

In being deeply concerned and disappointed at the context of a statement made by the Deputy Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation Board of Management, Mr. John Gorton, it is considered essential that the Australian Soccer Federation should take this unusual step of writing directly to you with the object of making known certain aspects of the activities of the Australian Soccer Federation which obviously have not been made known in the past.

It was indeed most surprising and disappointing to read of Mr. Gorton's outspoken criticism of the Australian Soccer Federation recently, and whilst we are aware that the opinions voiced by Mr. Gorton are his own it is considered that some of his remarks could best be clarified for you by additional facts being given.

Mr. Gorton, who is as you know a Council Member of the Australian Soccer Federation, has stated that he is well aware that the Australian Soccer Federation is in fact a Federation of the various States.

He must, however, also be aware that Victoria, like New South Wales, has a substantial representation on both the ASF Council and Executive as compared with other States.

From such a structure therefore you will readily understand that the destiny of soccer in Australia is actually governed by the States themselves, and in this regard, despite Mr. Gorton's remarks, due respect must be paid to the smaller States in Australia in that on no occasion during the past three successful years of the ASF have those smaller States seen fit to block any worthwhile proposal or constructive development project put forward by either of the major States of Victoria or New South Wales.

Mr. Gorton, as a Council Member, should be well aware that one of the prime objects of the Australian Soccer Federation is to ensure the overall development of soccer football throughout the entire Commonwealth of Australia and as such there cannot possibly be room for any parochial attitudes which are directed at the rich becoming richer whilst the poor become poorer.

It surely must well be realised that soccer is the only code of football in our nation which has an extensive established competition in every State backed up by large organised junior competitions.

DEVELOPMENT

If then we are sincerely and honestly dedicated to developing soccer football as a national game in Australia it must immediately be obvious that those States with the larger earning capacity will in effect contribute more overall to the nation's development as compared with the smaller States.

At least under present methods contributions by States are generally in proportion to their ability to earn.

Mr. Gorton in his criticism deals largely with the financial affairs of the ASF but unfortunately he did not state that the Victorian Soccer Federation in the past four years has received from the ASF distributions in excess of \$90,000.

In 1967 alone distributions to Victoria totalled \$43,500.

Certainly we must be grateful to Sir Matthew Busby and Manchester United, as we are to the Scottish Football Association, for touring Aus-

Last week we published John Gorton's statement mainly referring to the activities of the ASF. Today we are happy to publish, in full, ASF Secretary Ian McAndrew's reply. This was sent to the Victorian State League clubs as well as the League Management Committee Board members.

leaved heavily on the ASF for finance during the past few years, and just as they have been responsible for over-distributing the ASF's income, likewise they have been solely responsible for overspending their own income without providing for possible lean periods by the creation of appropriate reserves.

Our chairman, Sir William Walkley, C.B.E., this year warned States to provide for a rainy day both in the ASF and at State level.

His sound advice, however, was unfortunately disregarded, the consequence of which is now being felt by your own Federation.

IMAGE

As an example of how profits can be over-distributed consider further the 1967 Scotland tour of Australia involving three international matches.

For one of these international fixtures held in Melbourne the VSF received the sum of \$14,600 out of which they contributed a sum of \$5,300 towards overall costs leaving them with net revenue of \$9,300.

For the entire three fixtures, however, the Australian Soccer Federation's share of profit amounted to \$14,500 out of which the ASF itself had to meet its national team costs amounting to \$11,600 thereby leaving the ASF with only approximately \$3,000 from three international matches.

In the same year it was with the concurrence of the State Federations that the Australian national team competed overseas.

To dedicated soccer administrators there can be no doubt that if we are to contribute to the image of soccer football in Australia this can best be done by a successful Australian national team participating in international competition.

Mr. Gorton's statement that the national team's tour of Asia achieved nothing for soccer is completely ridiculous because at no time since the commencement of the Federation has soccer in Australia been given so much public thought and so much favorable publicity by our general Press as it received during that tour.

GREEK TOUR

Apart from the footballing success of this tour it is irrefutable that a sound image was created within Australia for the code, and surely this alone must have its favorable reflection on clubs and State Federations alike.

On the financial side of this tour naturally no income was received from the Vietnam Football Federation, but what Mr. Gorton did not state was that the cost of air travel together with all meals and accommodation were paid for by that Federation and not by the ASF.

The decisions of the ASF, which are in effect made by the States themselves, leave the ASF little room to lay down long term national development plans.

He also overlooked informing you that a request by the ASF is still before our Commonwealth Government

FIFA NOT TO BLAME...

— By PAUL DEAN —

FIFA, that much maligned organisation with its headquarters in Zurich, is often pinpointed as the body mainly responsible for our lack of progress.

Why? Because FIFA, of which we are a member country, has certain laws and rules which simply don't suit some of our officials.

They charge FIFA with two dastardly crimes, namely —

- It doesn't help in the rapid development of Australian soccer;
- It doesn't permit the illegal poaching of overseas players.

The first charge is debatable. Over the years, FIFA has not done a great deal for Australian soccer and the only truly significant exception was the recent, FIFA-sponsored visit by Dettmar Cramer.

Of course, whether we derive any benefits out of this or not is entirely up to us.

However, FIFA may well feel that the development of Australian soccer should be an Australian effort.

From the Minutes of the ASF meetings which are circulated to all States you should also be aware that it is our intention in 1972 to mark the 10th anniversary of the ASF by inviting to Australia a FIFA World XI.

While such tours, as are proposed, will continue to provide substantial financial results it must be emphasised, however, that such tours are undertaken by the ASF to provide for and assist the promotion and development of soccer in every Australian State, which surely must be to the ultimate benefit of all clubs and Associations regardless of their domicile.

CUMBERSOME

Such remarks as Mr. Gorton may make on the leadership qualities of the ASF whilst distasteful, regrettably reflect upon the States themselves and of course on Mr. Gorton himself as a Council member.

It is the States who make available the Council members of the ASF, and not the ASF itself.

In reference to his comment that a "confidential document" was published by the ASF outlining future plans for soccer administration in Australia, let it be made quite clear to you that such a document was in no way confidential but has in fact been discussed openly in all States, with the obvious exception of Victoria.

Such a plan was suggested with the very object of bringing all clubs in Australia together under one organisation to avoid the unnecessary dissipation of funds and consequent wastefulness which arises because of the cumbersome structure of Australian soccer administration at present.

On administration alone, for the benefit of the clubs and State Federations, a conference of all State secretaries was held last year through which many recommendations for uniformity and ease of operation were made and subsequently submitted in report form to all States for open discussion.

Again regrettably it would seem that such recommendations were not placed before all Victorian clubs.

Let it be clearly understood by you that the Australian Soccer Federation is not some secret organisation.

ganisation and administration?

Australia has the "distinction" of being only the second country ever to be kicked out of FIFA because of poaching of players.

The other one was Colombia in the early 1950s; their Association split in half and the outlawed body, operating outside FIFA jurisdiction for a short while, poached players from Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and England.

That fiesta lasted only a few years before the matters were straightened out and Colombia crawled back to the fold with its tail between its legs.

But no other country has even thought of leaving FIFA simply in order to steal players from others.

Here, in Australia, the thought is constantly with some leading officials . . .

What would we achieve? A few clubs — but only a very few — would be able to lure out some name-players from Europe, dangling big signing-on fees and other inducements before their eyes.

DUBIOUS

The really great stars, the Charltons, Alberts, Mazzolas and others wouldn't come whether we're in FIFA or not: you couldn't pay them enough to match their present earnings and they wouldn't throw away the chance of constant international competition.

So we still wouldn't get the "stars" some of our clubs are dreaming about.

But whoever would come, would cost a great deal — and would have to be regarded as a dubious investment.

Why? Because they could come, collect a large sum at the airport — and leave the next day.

Not being in FIFA would not only give our clubs the licence to steal — it would also rob us of FIFA's protection.

In fact, there would be nothing on earth to stop some of our present-day players from breaking their contracts, packing their bags and leaving our shores — claiming that they didn't want to operate in an outlawed organisation.

Nobody could stop them — and FIFA would only smile . . .

So eventually Australia, once again, would have to crawl back to FIFA, apologise humbly, pay a big debt and start all over again . . .

In the meantime we would sacrifice our international contacts and reputation in order to temporarily boost the attendances of a few clubs by a couple of thousand.

Progress and development in soccer is usually a painstakingly slow and difficult business.

The NSW Federation is 11 years old and many of the officials now demanding a break with FIFA have had a very long time to produce ideas and carry them out.

If they have failed in this and cannot see their way clear to nudge ahead without a tragically shortsighted and immoral move, they should get out of the game.

FLOTTA LAURO

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Canterbury

1 (0)
Paxinos 73 min. (penalty).

King 4; Harcombe 3, Tracey 3; Blacker 3, Zeman 5, Molnar 4 (Blanco 3); Gauto 2, G. Manuel 2, Scheinflug 4, Hoggart 4, Armytage 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Venglos

Match rating: *

This game had almost everything: good football, excitement and plenty of action. Though Canterbury were dangerous on occasions, and had what looked like a valid goal disallowed in the fourth minute, Prague clearly dominated the first 55 minutes. Their shooting, however, was astray, Manuel being again the main offender. In the last half hour, using the strong wind to good advantage, Canterbury came back into the picture and fully deserved the draw, though their goal came from a penalty given away foolishly by Zeman who handled under no pressure whatsoever. Canterbury couldn't match Prague in teamwork, but they rallied round the brilliant Stripelis to give a spirited, courageous display which must have allayed their relegation worries for good.

Crowd: 1,600.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— LOU GAUTIER

Prague

1 (1)
Molnar 32 min.

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 4, Hardy 4; Stripelis 5, Taylor 4, Galbraith 4; Romanos 2, Kauz 2, Hood 3, Massi 2, Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: H. Ninaus.

St. George

1 (0)
Cliss 68 min.

Haffey 4; Nuttall 4, Hillary 4; Schaefer 3, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 4; Harris 4, Cliss 3, Warren 3, McCalliog 2 (Fernandez 3), McCue 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: G. Polgar.

Match rating: *

The great St. George mystery which has reduced last year's premiers into a systemless, ineffective combination — is still far from being resolved. Against a young and inexperienced Melita Eagles, who fielded four teenage reserve graders, St. George never looked dangerous despite a slight improvement after the interval. Their shooting was way off the mark and the sparkle and polish of the recent past were never in evidence. Melita's gamble with the "kids" succeeded in snatching another valuable point which takes them further away from the bottom of the table. Not unexpectedly, the game was scrappy. However, it was hard fought without let-up right to the final whistle.

Crowd: 850.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Melita E.

1 (1)
Goldie 44 min.

Eaton 4; Woods 3, Watts 4; De Bruin 5, Edwards 4, Hewlett 3; Quested 2, Bankhead 2, Thorne 3, Smith 3, Goldie 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Croatia

1 (1)
R. Cush 4 min.

Corry 4; Lincoln 3, Sloan 3; Curry 4, Shepherd 3, Page 3; Reynolds 4, Wright 3, Giles 4, R. Cush 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Match rating: *

When Giles sent Ray Cush through for a brilliant Croatia goal after 4 minutes, the match appeared certain to be full of fire. Actually, this was so for 50 minutes, and then lamentably it deteriorated into a lack-lustre affair. Souths had the best of play, but Barnes, aided by Carr, held them well for the Coast in the second half. Once again it was obvious that despite South Coast's surfeit of wing halves Tolson could have given better service there rather than at centre-forward. McGarry, Coast's only active forward, again wasted much of his capability by working back into his own territory, whereas a direct dash for goal might have clinched the game for his side.

Crowd: 996.

Referee: A.R. Brown.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Ramage 3; Barnes 4, Cuthbert 3; Kelly 3, Carr 3, Davies 3; Alston 3, McGarry 4, Tolson 3, Anderson 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: J. Kelly.

Hakoah

1 (0)
Yaager 80 min.

Fuzes 3; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 3, Watkiss 5, Marnoch 3, Yaager 4, Fekete 3, Spilarewicz 3, Barnett 2, Baartz 3, Jones 4.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: D. Holden.

Match rating: *

It is a pity that once Hakoah had to lose their record-shattering unbroken run, their misfortune was accompanied by one of their few miserable displays. Their reshuffled forward line against the cleverly fortified APIA defence seldom looked dangerous and for most of the time couldn't even hold the ball. APIA fought with such tigerish determination as though the players had been promised their bonuses in the form of high-octane petrol. In the second half, under the intelligent promptings of Hughes and Campana, APIA gradually gained control and won deservedly even if their winning goal towards the end was a give-away by Fekete and Marnoch.

Crowd: 5,550.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— PAUL DEAN

A.P.I.A.

2 (0)
Giacometti 53 min., Campbell 87 min.

Taylor 3, Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4, Hughes 4, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 3, McKinnon 3, Campana 5, Di Lonardo 4, Santoro (replaced at half time by Giacometti 4), Campbell 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Match rating: *

Manly for once went straight into attack with Hughes hitting the bar and two great shots by new boy Parker brilliantly saved by Drewniak. Polonia hardly got a look at the other end, but somehow managed to hold out until half-time. Immediately after the interval Povey crashed home an unstoppable drive and from then on Polonia's experience told decisively and Manly were almost forced to a standstill. A fine run by Povey — Polonia's best player — 10 minutes from time clinched them a match they could easily have lost in the first 20 minutes. The only redeeming feature for hapless Manly was the great debut of their young English forward, Parker, who shone despite poor support.

Crowd: 1,200.

Referee: L. Rae.

— EDDIE EVANS

Polonia

2 (0)
Povey 46 min., Kulak 70 min.

Drewniak 4 (Frazer came in 68th min.); Filok 3, Skiba 3; Adamson 3, Dzialach 4, Komoder 3; Povey 5, Minol 3, Kulak 4, Krawiarz 3, Urbaniak 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Horinek.

Match rating: *

One of the best matches this year. Playing possibly their best football ever, Pan Hellenic outclassed Yugal in the second half after a very even first 45 minutes which produced top-class soccer from both sides. Inspired by their genial play-maker, Loukanidis, Pan Hellenic played delightful, thoughtful pattern football, keeping the ball on the ground with exhilarating short passing. Yugal, though never disgraced, just had no answer for Pan Hellenic's remarkable transformation, and faded in the second half once their defence lost heart after Smith's second goal.

Crowd: 9,568.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Manly

0 (0)

Tuinman 4; McGrath 4, Brooks 3; Jagger 4, Campbell 4, Jones 2; Hughes 2, Hendry 4, Parker 5, Waller 2, Nutt 2.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: D. Adrigan.

Yugal

0 (0)

Ljujic 4; Pacanin 3, Crnich 3; Lang 3, Banicevic 3, Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 2, M. Alagich 4, Halpin 3, Edwards 3, Volar 3 (Bobic 2).

TOTAL: 35

Coach: F. Dumaj.

P. Hellenic

4 (1)
Smith 37 and 51 mins., Loukanidis 60, Blitz 62 mins.

Clarke 4; Johnston 4, Hignett 4; McCulloch 5, Cole 4 (injured), Westwater 4; Blitz 4, Smith 5, Loukanidis 5, Petrou 3, Karyannis 4.

TOTAL: 46

Coach: W. Tamandl.

SYDNEY RESULTS
AND DETAILS

COACHES COMMENT

Herbert Ninaus: "If my players could only lose the habit of falling back into defence after they've scored! I'm sure if they had kept up the pressure after the equaliser Prague would have been beaten. I'm nevertheless very pleased with the team".

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Joe Venglos: "This should have been an easy win for us instead of a hard fought draw. The irresponsibility of a few players cost us a point and ruined the efforts of those Prague players who did their job."

Gyula Polgar: "We were badly let down by our forwards, particularly in the first half. However, there was considerable improvement after the interval and the final result was a just one".

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Joe Vlasits: "All told it was a fair result, Melita being the better team in the first half, and St. George superior in the second."

Bill Vrolyks: "The road to the semis is not easy for us, but Ray Cush's goal has helped. I thought the boys gave an outstanding display in the first half."

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Jim Kelly: "I am convinced that the ball just won't roll for us. There was hardly any difference between the teams, and our finishing only failed by a whisker. We could have picked up two or three goals."

Doug Holden: "APIA were the better team, they fully deserved their success. Our forwards had a bad day and on the trend of the game, we were even lucky to equalise".

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Adauto Iglesias: "Our tactic the trend of the game, we really won because our boys were constantly looking for the ball and never gave Hakoah any respite".

Joe Horinek: "I was very pleased to win first up. Our players' greater experience won us the match. Manly only need a couple of experienced players to do much better".

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Denes Adrigan: "It seems I always have to repeat myself. What can I say, but that we again failed to take our chances. We should have had a handy lead by halftime. In the second half we fell away and let Povey have a field day."

Ferdo Dunaj: "No excuses. We held out well in the first half, and could even have led at the break. Pan Hellenic, whom I've never seen play so well, were far too good for us in the second half."

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Walter Tamandl: "There's little left for me to say after such a great win, except that this is the best the team has played for a long time. The boys were just magnificent — all of them."

MARKS FIELD TO SEE DOUBLE—DRAMA

—By LOU GAUTIER—

Eternally windswept Marks Field, Sydney soccer's unofficial headquarters, may be the scene of joy and heartbreak twice this weekend.

It will be there on Saturday and Sunday that some of the championship and semi-final hopes of four tense teams will receive a boost or a jolt.

On Saturday, Croatia and Polonia clash in what is virtually an elimination match to stay in the race for the semi-finals, and on Sunday leaders Hakoah tangle with Prague in an equally important match for both teams.

It's certain that another big crowd, approaching the five-figure mark, will be at Wentworth Park for Pan Hellenic-St. George-Budapest on Sunday, which will produce a new competition leader should Pan Hellenic win and Hakoah concede a draw.

The weekend's previews:

APIA v.

South Coast

Having flopped again in Sydney last weekend, South Coast's chances of a good showing at Lambert Park must be practically nil.

APIA should be untroubled to avenge their first round defeat at Woomona, South Coast having now proved beyond a shadow of a doubt they simply just haven't got what it takes to give the competition a shake this year.

It may only be a coincidence, but have you noticed how United have been on the skids ever since the alleged Kelly-McGarry "blow-up"?

APIA don't have a care in the world.

Riding on the crest of a wave after shattering Hakoah's long-standing unbeaten record last weekend, they seem firmly entrenched in the "top four" and it will take a good team to dislodge them.

On current form, APIA should take South Coast in their stride, and if Giacometti confirms last weekend's shooting revival, his dynamite-laden boots may well turn what appears an inevitable defeat into a rout for the provincials whose only chance to

avoid a hiding is to pack their defence and hope for a most improbable miracle.

Croatia v.

Polonia

A vital match for both these two semifinal contenders who grabbed precious points last week.

Little separates the teams at the moment, though Croatia appear the more balanced combination on paper, with a potentially more dangerous attack.

Victory is absolutely essential for both teams if they want to retain a hope of overtaking either Prague or APIA.

A defeat would put paid to Croatia for 1968, while the loss of two points would greatly lengthen Polonia's odds of sneaking into the play-offs.

With so much at stake, Saturday's Marks Field match could be a real thriller.

The game could go either way, but we prefer Croatia's chances though there should be no more than one goal in it at the finish.

Prague v.

Hakoah

This match also produced a spate of goals (4-3 for Hakoah) in the first round but we would be surprised if a repetition this time.

On last weekend's form, both teams would be hard pressed to score more than one goal apiece — if that!

Prague — and Gary Manuel in particular — had enough chances to clinch the match against Canterbury in the first half last Saturday, but their finish was appalling.

Hakoah bit the dust for the first time in 11 months, APIA again proving their nemesis.

The defeat, however, may have been a blessing in disguise as the pressure of retaining such a long unbeaten record is now off.

This should help Hakoah to

open up and place greater emphasis on attack.

They have the forwards to play bright, attacking football, and to get goals into the bargain.

Prague-Hakoah matches invariably produce good football and excitement, with the odd touch of the unexpected.

Prague are always tough to beat at Marks Field, but Hakoah's rock-like defence (despite last week's two costly lapses) inspires greater confidence and should steer the team to victory.

Melita Eagles v.

Canterbury

With all relegation worries well and truly behind them, Melita Eagles will now be able to look forward to a relatively tension-free seven weeks.

The Berries, though definitely on the road to bigger, better things, are still not quite out of danger.

The match is far more important for them than for the Eagles.

Canterbury played some good football to hold Prague last weekend, and a repetition of their second half form of last Saturday ought to be enough to come away from Mona Park with both points.

Brilliant Greek halfback, Striopoulos, has made a ton of difference to their once disorganized midfield.

His midfield promptings may pave the way for a Canterbury win on Sunday.

Melita Eagles are anything

but spectacular, but coach Joe Vlasits must be commended for giving his teen-age players a chance in the first team.

Canterbury should have too much pace and determination for Melita's still unbalanced mixture of youth and experience.

Manly v.

Yugal

If Yugal have recovered from last week's hammering, they should be too strong all round for the gallant, but immature young seadiders.

A demoralized Yugal, however, would have a battle royal on their hands against a Manly side which intends to put up a fight to the bitter end of the competition, irrespective of their eventual fate.

Manly's English newcomer, Parker, showed promise against Polonia. He may yet turn out to be the midfield play-maker and distributor they have sadly missed all season.

Yugal will pin their hopes on speedsters Joe Alagich, badly out of touch against Pan Hellenic, and Edwards to match the locals' pace and 90-minute all-action style.

Yugal should win narrowly.

Pan Hellenic v.

St. George

Wentworth Park will again resound to the sounds of big-time soccer atmosphere on Sunday when current boom

team, Pan Hellenic, take on fallen idols, St. George.

"Loukanidis, Loukanidis", the thousands of ecstatic Pan Hellenic fans chanted last week as their idol showed every facet of his immense talent throughout the 90 minutes against Yugal.

It's a safe bet they'll have plenty to shout about again this weekend if Pan Hellenic's display last Sunday was any indication.

Taking a leaf from the maestro himself, whose influence on his team-mates was plain for all to see, the whole Pan Hellenic team proceeded to turn in an irresistible display of precision, carpet football, in striking contrast to their previous long-passing, "hurrah" football, where the ball spent most of its time soaring high in the air.

A master of the open spaces, a purveyor of the most delicate passes seen here since the heyday of Baumgartner and Jaros, Loukanidis will undoubtedly be the man St. George must watch.

Given the slightest latitude he could tear their defence apart and control the midfield as he did against Yugal, whose players he eluded all afternoon.

The ailing Saints could have done without the added worry of a Loukanidis.

Barring one of the greatest reversals of form this year, Loukanidis should lead Pan Hellenic to their sixth consecutive victory.

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
WRIGHT
REYNOLDS
PAGE
GILES
R. CUSH
F. CUSH

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
FILOK
SKIBA
ADAMSON
DZIALACH
KOMODER
POVEY
MINOL
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
URBANIAK

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTALICO
McKINNON
CAMPANA
DI LONARDO
GIACOMETTI
CAMPBELL

SOUTH COAST

RAMAGE
BARNES
CUTHBERT
KELLY
CARR
DAVIES
ALSTON
McGARRY
TOLSON
ANDERSON
PATERSON

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
McCULLOCH
COLE
WESTWATER
BLITZ
SMITH
LOUKANIDIS
PETROU
KARYANNIS

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
NUTTALL
HILLARY
SCHAEFER
MORGAN
KANE
HARRIS
CLISS
SANDELL
NOWAKOWSKI
McCUE

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
WOODS
WATTS
DE BRUIN
EDWARDS
HEWLETT
QUESTED
BANKHEAD
THORNE
SMITH
GOLDIE

CANTERBURY

DEMOPOULOS
WHITEHEAD
HARDY
STRIPELIS
TAYLOR
GALBRAITH
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KAUZ
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MASSI
PAXINOS

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HUGHES
HENDRY
PARKER
WALLER
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BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
M. ALAGICH
BOBIC
EDWARDS
VOLAR

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
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LOWRY
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MOLNAR
HOGGART

HAKOAH

FUZES
STEWART
HILLSDON
WATKISS
MARNOC
D. YAAGER
EDMUND
FEKEETE
BARNETT
BAARTZ
JONES

CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 19,770.

Average per match: 3,295.

Attendance after 15 rounds: 259,371.

Weekly average attendance: 17,357.

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LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah)	10
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic)	10
Alston (SCU)	9
McGarry (SCU)	9
Cliss (St. George)	8
R. CUSH (Croatia)	8
Edwards (Yugal)	8
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	8
Krawiarsz (Polonia)	7
G. Manuel (Prague)	7

VITAL STATISTICS

Croatia v. Polonia: 1-0-4

After six arid weeks, Polonia returned to the winning list last week — just in time to face Croatia whom they usually handle with surprising ease.

The only Croatia victory in their clashes came in 1965 and since then it's been nothing but failure in store for them.

In the first round Polonia won 1-0 — and looking at the 10 forwards on view, it's hard to see either team scoring freely in this return clash.

Manly v. Canterbury: 1-1-1

Just look at their past results: 1-1, 1-0, 1-2 — absolutely nothing in it.

And that's how this tie looms again.

Two more factors are handy pointers: Melita have not won once at home and Canterbury have yet to win away this season. A draw?

Manly v. Yugal: 0-1-0

Their first round draw of 3-3 is the only record they have in the championship.

Yugal's busy point-collecting may resume, after a week's spell, which produced their first loss in eight outings.

Manly, yet to win at Graham's Reserve, have grabbed only one point in their last five matches and look ready for the last sacraments.

Prague v. Hakoah: 14-4-5

Prague's proud record was mainly put together in the early years when they almost invariably had Hakoah's measure.

In the last two years Hakoah managed to win both their away games, 3-0 and 2-0 and also won their first round clash 4-3 in what might have been the season's best game.

Prague, playing at home this year, have conceded only one single goal — a fantastic record really.

And, despite their seeming "slump," they have collected 11 points in their last seven games — versus Hakoah's 10.

— P.D.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DREWNIAK
(Polonia)

JOHNSTON
(Pan Hellenic)

STRIPELIS
(Canterbury)

CAMPANA
(APIA)

POVEY
(Polonia)

HILLARY
(St. George)

WESTWATER
(Pan Hellenic)

GIACOMETTI
(APIA)

LOUKANIDIS
(Pan Hellenic)

GOLDIE
(Melita)

FIRST DIVISION

	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly

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ROUND THE WORLD

Manchester City blasted

Manchester City, England's reigning League champions, suffered the ultimate humiliation when the British American Club of North California sent in an indignant letter complaining about City's pathetic displays on their recent North American tour. The Americans complained bitterly that Manchester City had ruined the good name of English soccer, perhaps for good, in the USA. Manchester City's American tour was a debacle without precedent. They only won one of their nine matches against lowly local opposition, and suffered nine injuries into the bargain.

No longer a "hero"

Josef Szabo, the Soviet Union's national team halfback from Dynamo Kiev, has had his title of "Sportsmaster of the Soviet Union" withdrawn. He is alleged to have injured an opponent deliberately in a recent Russian Cup match.

Asian Nations' Cup

Here are the complete details of the finals of the Asian Nations' Cup, recently won by Iran in Teheran: Hong Kong v. Iran 0-2, Burma v. Nationalist China 1-1, Israel v. Hong Kong 6-1, Nationalist China v. Iran 0-4, Burma v. Israel 1-0, China v. Hong Kong 1-1, Burma v. Iran 1-3, Israel v. China 4-1, Burma v. Hong Kong 2-0, Israel v. Iran 1-2. Final standings: 1 Iran, 2 Burma, 3 Israel, 4 Nationalist China, 5 Hong Kong.

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Every Thursday 6.15 p.m.

Jeno Csaknady, AEK Athens' Hungarian coach, terminated his contract with the Greek club on July 1. A thousand irate supporters staged a violent demonstration outside the club's headquarters in downtown Athens to protest. Csaknady led AEK to victory in this season's Greek championship.

● Italy has a busy international season ahead of them in 1968-69. The European champions will meet Yugoslavia, in a "replay" of the recent European final, Russia, Sweden, Argentina, Mexico and Chile.

● Messrs Cavan (Northern Ireland), Franchi (Italy), Goni (Chile) and Barcs (Hungary) will meet in Zurich on July 24 to pick the FIFA XI which will meet Brazil in a gala match in Rio in November to mark the tenth anniversary of Brazil's 1958 World Cup triumph.

● The national team of Congo Kinshasa is now touring South America, playing club teams of lesser standing in Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Colombia.

● Italian clubs next season will be allowed two substitutes instead of the usual one as in most countries.

● Four FIFA-affiliated national associations elected new presidents last week: Ceylon (Senator Kitchilan), Congo Brazzaville (Mankoundia), Nicaragua (Castillo Quant) and Surinam (M. Essed).

● Georgie Best's parents are really in the "chips." Last month they opened their fourth fish and chips shop in the Manchester area — all of them financed by their talented son's soccer earnings.

● Roger Claessen, the "enfant terrible" of Belgian soccer, has joined Alemannia Aachen, the West German club.

● The outgoing coach of Israel's national team, Yugoslav Milovan Cacic, has been appointed coach of Hapoel Haifa, one of the country's top clubs.

● Slovan Bratislava have won the 1968 Czechoslovakian Cup. They beat Dukla Prague 1-0 in the final and will play in the next European Cup-Winners' Cup.

● Matt Busby is currently in Argentina, observing Estudiantes de La Plata, the South American champions Manchester United meet next month in the first leg of the Intercontinental Cup final in Buenos Aires.

● Former England captain, Johnny Haynes, will definitely not join the New York "Generals." Haynes is back from a Continental holiday, and in the next few days is expected to re-sign with freshly relegated Fulham.

"Old boys" stage "international"

A match between former Yugoslav and Hungarian internationals in Belgrade a fortnight ago attracted 50,000 spectators. Included in the Yugoslav line-up were Beara, Crnkovic, Boskov, Cajkowski, Ognjanov, Stankovic, Zebec, Mitic, Vukas and Bobek. Some of the Hungarians were Sarosi, Hidegkuti, Bozsik, Budzanski, Budai, Karpati and Toth. "Yugoslavia" won 4-0.

● Napoli, who have already spent a fortune acquiring Nielsen from Inter Milan and Guarneri from Bologna, have their heart now set on Italy's former glamor winger, Corso (Inter).

● Vittoria de Guimaraes the Portuguese First Division club, are on a South American tour. Their opponents are mainly the Portuguese-sponsored teams in Latin America, which number 14.

● Levski Sofia are the 1967-68 Bulgarian champions, CSKA the runners-up and Slivene and Maritsa have been relegated.

● Belgium and Spain have agreed on their World Cup elimination dates. They'll meet in Brussels on February 23 and in Madrid on December 11, 1969.

● The Chilean FA has finally settled on Argentinian Salvador Nocetti as national team coach, Fernando Riera having declined the position.

● Brian Kinsay, Charlton Athletic's goalie was named England's most exciting goalkeeping prospect of 1967-68.

● Franz Beckenbauer is holidaying on the Italian Riviera, at the expense of a group of Italian admirers, who are intent on securing him for Inter Milan once the Italian FA's ban on foreign imports is lifted.

● Nestor Combin, Torino's French international centre-forward, is hankering for a transfer. He would like to join his former coach, Rocco, at Milan AC.

● The Uruguayan World Cup skipper, Troche, has been transferred from Bundesliga club, Alemannia Aachen, to the regional West German club Bonn.

● Lev Yashin made a comeback two weeks ago for Dynamo Moscow. Despite his age (39) he was the best player in the competition match against Rostov.

● Each Torino player received a bonus of \$800 for winning the Italian Cup and qualifying for the 1968-69 European Cup-Winners' Cup, held by their fellow Italians of Milan AC.

EUROPEAN CUP DRAW

Winners of the 1966-67 series, Glasgow Celtic and Hungary's crack Ferencvaros will meet in the first round of the European Champions' Cup.

The first leg matches must be played on September 18, the second leg on October 2 — all on the same days. The draws for both European Cups are:

European Champions' Cup

Ferencvaros (Hungary) v. Celtic (Scotland), Manchester United (England) v. Waterford (Ireland), Levski (Bulgaria) v. AC Milan (Italy), Zeiss Jena (East Germany) v. Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia), FC Nurnberg (West Germany) v. Ajax (Holland), AEK (Greece) v. Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg), Rosenborg (Norway) v. Rapid (Austria), FC Zurich (Switzerland) v. Dynamo Kiev (USSR), Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia) v. Malmo (Sweden), Floriana (Malta) v. Lahden Reipas (Finland), Steaua Bucharest (Rumania) v. Boldklub (Denmark), St. Etienne (France) v. Ruch Chorzow (Poland), Manchester City (England) v. Fenerbahce (Turkey), FC Valour (Iceland) v. Benfica (Portugal), Anderlecht (Belgium) v. Glentoran (N. Ireland), Real Madrid v. Limassol (Cyprus).

European Cup-Winners' Cup

Bordeaux (France) v. Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria), Partizan Tirana (Albania) v. Torino (Italy), Gyor (Hungary) v. Lyn Oslo (Norway), Crusaders (N. Ireland) v. Kamraterna (Finland), Altay Izmir (Turkey) v. Gornik (Poland), Dunfermline (Scotland) v. Apoel (Cyprus), Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) v. Freja (Denmark), GAK (Austria) v. ADO (Holland), Siema (Malta) v. Rumelingen (Luxembourg), Lugano (Switzerland) v. Barcelona (Spain), Bruges (Belgium) v. West Bromwich (England), Dinamo Bucharest (Rumania) v. FC Kolin (West Germany), Dynamo Moscow (USSR) v. Greek entry, Union Berlin (East Germany) v. Bor (Yugoslavia), Cardiff City (Wales) v. Porto (Portugal), Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) v. Reykjavik (Iceland).

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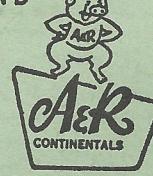
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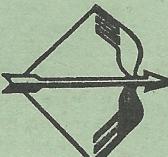
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Cook's tour of Melbourne

OFFICIAL HEDGING CAN BE DANGEROUS

— From BOB LOW —

The Victorian Federation have never come to grips with reality in dealing with the ugly situations which from time to time occur and mar local club games.

In this respect they are as weak as their predecessors, the VASFA, and never once in the last decade have I known a club to be severely cautioned or reprimanded officially for the conduct of their officials, players and spectators.

To hedge, to cover up, to conceal disturbances, riots and "donnybrooks," has been a favorite pastime of our soccer chiefs in the past 10 years.

They have lacked the courage to bring such situations to boiling point by failing to exercise their authority with which they are vested.

I don't pretend to know why the VASFA, who have been dead and gone for so long, but were even more guilty in my book than the VSF, glossed over so many serious incidents with little more than a shrug of the shoulders.

I do feel, however, that the attitude of the VSF in similar circumstances is mainly due to the fact that the State body is wholly under club control, and as such at times seem to show more concern for the clubs under their wing than the game in general.

No one wants to see a club, its officials, players or fans taken to task unnecessarily for trivial matters or allegations which cannot be completely proved in regards to fights, riots or disturbances.

But, where there is definite proof that any one of the parties have been

guilty of starting, aiding or abetting such, the ruling body is duty-bound to take appropriate action to preserve the good name of the game.

In the past, fans have been mainly guilty of the conduct which brings the game into disrepute.

But only a very small minority and, even at times, they have been incited by club officials or players who forget their responsibility to the code.

Irrespective of the shortcomings of fans, officials and players, the VSF must place itself high above them all, and stop hedging dangerous situations which one day may bring catastrophic results.

Aust. Cup delay

While the fixtures for the qualifying rounds and the first round proper of the 1968 Australia Cup were played off in one damned great hurry — and mid-week into the bargain — the quarterfinal games involving the two Victorian sides who have won through seem to have been forgotten.

The pairings are: Hakoah v. Croatia in Melbourne and Juventus (Melbourne) v. Azzurri Perth (West Australia) also in Melbourne.

Unless these two matches are arranged on weekend dates they seem destined to be as big financial flops as all the other games which have been played so far in Melbourne.

JUST'S bid

In a desperate bid to pull them off the bottom, JUST have brought three new players out from Yugoslavia. They are:

• Slobodan Zoraja, 22, centre-forward, who played with First Division side OFK Belgrade.

• Branko Biljevic, 21, inside-forward, also from OFK Belgrade.

• Milan Mihajlovic, 23, inside-forward from Second Division club Vozdovacki.

Why pick on Abonyi?

The most maligned player in State League soccer today is surely Attila Abonyi, the hero of Melbourne's title and Australia Cup wins last season and the pin-up player of Australian soccer after his remarkable success on the Asian tour late last year.

As Melbourne's position has worsened each week, Abonyi's critics have seized the chance to lambast him in every way possible, even to the point of ridicule.

Some fans have gone too far in their abuse of Abonyi.

So get off his back, and give the player a chance to recover his real form.

Overworked

For almost half the State League season, the Disciplinary Tribunal dealt with 23 cases while in the same period the Metropolitan and Disciplinary Committee handled 144 cases.

Bad as the top boys may be, with an average of almost two cases per game for the first half of the season,

the situation with the Metro boys is, infinitely worse.

They average out three cases a game among their 48 clubs.

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Croatia	9	1	4	24	12	19
Hakoah	8	3	3	26	15	19
Polonia	6	6	2	21	18	18
Hellas	6	6	2	24	15	18
George Cross	6	5	3	28	18	17
Alexander	5	4	5	20	26	14
Slavia	4	5	5	17	17	13
Wilhelmina	4	4	6	18	18	12
Lions	4	4	6	12	18	12
Juventus	3	5	6	15	26	11
Melbourne	2	5	7	14	25	9
JUST	2	2	10	13	29	6

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MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Polonia v. Hakoah at Maribyrnong, George Cross v. Lions at Olympic Park, Wilhelmina v. JUST at Ringwood.

Sunday: Croatia v. Melbourne at Olympic Park, Juventus v. Alexander at St. Kilda, SM Hellas v. Slavia at Middle Park.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Croatia	1	(Slager)	v.	Victoria	1	(Whincup)
Victoria	1	(Whincup)	v.	Juventus	1	(Sacco)
Polonia	1	(Gromadzki)	v.	Polonia	1	(Batchelor 2, De Lyster)
Austria	1	(Beattie)	v.	Austria	1	(Beattie)
Beograd	4	(Temelkowsky 2, Batusic, Besir)	v.	Elizabeth	1	(Hunter)
Croatia	1	(Monan 4, Baines, Cattanach, Nechvoglod)	v.	Lion	7	(Monan 4, Baines, Cattanach, Nechvoglod)
Victoria	1	(Cumberland 0)	v.	Elizabeth	7	(Monan 4, Baines, Cattanach, Nechvoglod)

SA TABLE

Hellas	19
Lion	18
Polonia	17
Juventus	15
Beograd	15
Croatia	13
Victoria	13
Austria	5
Elizabeth City	3
Cumberland	2

QLD. TABLE

Hollandia	7	4	1	85	17	17
Azzurri	6	4	2	15	6	16
Merton	6	2	4	37	21	14
St. Helens	5	3	4	24	21	13
Hellenic	4	5	3	22	22	13
Grange Thistle	5	3	4	28	26	12
Oxley	3	4	5	28	33	10
Coaststars	3	3	6	17	24	9
Polonia	4	1	6	14	23	9
Lafrobe	2	4	6	12	34	7

INTERSTATE SCORES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Swan Valley v. Tricolore 3-0, Olympic v. Azzurri 1-1, Crows v. Swan Athletic 5-3.

QUEENSLAND

Azzurri v. Hellenic 1-1, Coalstars v. Grange-Thistle 2-1, Merton v. Lafrobe 7-1, St. Helens v. Hollandia 5-3, Oxley v. Polonia 3-0.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle Austral v. Toronto 1-0, Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend 2-1, Adamstown v. New Lambton 2-1, Weston v. West Wallsend 1-0, Hamilton-Azzurri v. Belmont-Swansea 3-3.

ACT

Juventus v. Croatia 1-1, Burns Austral v. Monaro 5-3, Olympic v. Queanbeyan Makedonia 2-0, Concordia v. Concordia deferred (petrol strike). Standings: Juventus 21, Monaro 16, Olympic 15, Croatia 13, Concordia 12, Burns Austral 12, Queanbeyan 7, Cooma 4.

WITH THE AMATEURS

SIX TEAMS ARE STILL IN RACE FOR HONORS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Six teams remain in the hunt for the final four positions in the Inter-Suburban First Division where Wentworthville have a two-point lead over Artarmon.

Artarmon demolished Lidcombe by 10 goals to 2 at Artarmon Oval last Saturday.

Other top teams are Marrickville, Thistle, Concordia and South Sydney.

Due to the postponement of the first round earlier this season, clubs played the same teams they met the previous week in the normal roster.

Results were mainly predictable.

Marrickville and Concordia, who had drawn 1-all the previous week, settled for 2-all this time.

Once again Barry Hockey got the equaliser for Marrickville from a low header, in similar fashion to his equaliser of the previous week.

Thistle, leading 3-1 at halftime, were always in command against NSW University and won 4-1 with goals by R. Murray (2), Miller and Cummings.

East Side-MTK, 3-1 winners against Belmore previously, were stretched to win 4-3 on this occasion.

Easts were two-up 20 minutes from the end, but Belmore pulled up to 2-all.

Defensive mistakes cost Belmore their new-found advantage.

East Side went to 4-2, and ended at 4-3.

Five goals in 25 minutes made exciting fare.

Ivan Benko was best for the winners, having been in top form over the past few weeks.

Wentworthville defeated Ryde District 4-0 at Jones Park. Scorers for Wentworthville were R. Webb 2, B. Blinkhurst and R. Horder.

Guildford and Riverside are locked together at the head of the Second Division.

At Dee Why Oval on Sunday, Warringah put on a strong second half display against Guildford.

Guildford scrambled in two goals during the first half.

Graham Hahn scored after 10 minutes, and Robert Hosking after 35 minutes.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

S. Sydney v. Blacktown 1-0, Artarmon v. Lidcombe 10-2, 9-0, Thistle v. NSW Uni. 4-1, 0-3.

East Side-MTK v. Belmore 4-3, 0-1, Went v. Ryde 4-1, 8-0, Concordia v. Marrickville 2-2, 2-2.

SECOND DIVISION

Enmore v. St. Marys 5-0, 1-3, Gympie v. Granville 0-4, 1-2, Yagoona v. Riverside 1-3, 3-2.

Penrith v. Auburn 1-4, 1-1, Warringah v. Guildford 1-2, 3-0, Sydney Uni. v. Arncliffe 0-1, 1-1.

THIRD DIVISION

Revesby v. Dee Why 1-2, 1-4, West Ryde v. All Stars 0-2, 7-1, F'ield-Kiev v. Rovers 1-6, 2-5.

FOURTH DIVISION

Chelsea v. Maroubra 1-3, 2-0, C'pbelltown v. L'pool 1-2, 5-0, Prospect v. Padstow Pk. 0-1, 0-2, Newtown v. Ku-ring-gai 3-0, 0-2, Bev. Hills v. Central Utd. 5-0, 5-0.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 20

First Division: Belmore v. Artarmon — Rudd Park, Lidcombe v. Thistle — Coleman Park.

Second Division: Kewpies v. Enmore — Colquhoun Park, Riverside v. Gympie — Mahoney Park, Arncliffe Scots v. Warringah Saints — Cahill Park.

Third Division: Gladesville-Hornsby v. West Ryde — Penrith Hills Oval, Condell Park v. Revesby Workers — Bankstown Showground.

Fourth Division: Central United v. Chelsea — Waverley No. 2 Oval, Padstow Park v. Ku-ring-gai — Bankstown Oval.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

**Competition
Tables**
FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	13	2	42	11	26	
APIA	10	3	2	41	17	23
SCU	10	1	4	45	21	21
Croatia	7	4	4	23	21	18
Hakoah	8	1	6	25	14	17
St. George	8	1	6	33	25	17
Pan Hellenic	8	7	2	29	22	16
Melita Eagles	8	7	3	37	36	16
Polonia	3	4	8	25	39	10
Canterbury	4	1	10	18	49	9
Manly	2	1	12	18	42	5
Yugal	1	1	4	7	46	2

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	3	2	33	14	23
Prague	10	2	3	30	17	22
St. George	8	4	3	32	18	20
Pan Hellenic	7	5	3	19	10	19
SCU	6	4	5	31	19	16
Hakoah	7	2	6	24	24	16
Canterbury	6	4	5	22	23	16
Yugal	4	6	5	24	24	14
Melita Eagles	5	3	7	31	36	14
APIA	5	2	8	19	25	12
Manly	2	2	11	17	36	6
Polonia	1	1	13	15	42	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	12	1	2	41	16	25
Auburn	11	2	2	41	16	22
Western Subs.	11	1	3	45	19	23
Sutherland	8	3	4	29	29	19
Marconi	7	4	4	29	15	18
Balgownie	6	4	5	28	19	16
Granville	6	2	7	31	35	14
NS-Inter	5	2	8	18	38	12
N. Bankstown	4	2	9	25	41	10
Corinthians	4	1	10	16	30	9
Lane Cove	3	—	12	18	44	7
Hornsby-NE	1	2	12	26	45	4

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	14	1	—	50	7	29
Bankstown	11	2	2	58	16	24
Balgownie	11	1	3	47	14	23
Sutherland	10	1	4	41	22	21
Marconi	8	3	4	25	17	19
Auburn	5	5	3	51	24	16
Hornsby-NE	7	1	7	25	33	15
Granville	5	1	9	32	43	11
Lane Cove	5	—	10	15	55	10
N. Bankstown	1	4	10	19	38	6
Corinthians	2	2	12	14	38	6
NS-Inter	1	1	4	19	67	3

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Went	12	1	3	49	16	25
Artarmon	8	7	1	43	17	23
Thistle	9	2	5	41	23	20
Marrickville	7	6	3	40	23	20
Concordia	7	5	4	30	26	19
South Sydney	8	2	4	25	16	18
East Side-MTK	7	1	7	35	23	15
Belmore	4	6	5	27	29	14
Blacktown	5	1	10	25	49	11
NSW Uni.	3	2	9	19	42	8
Lidcombe	3	1	11	18	47	7
Ryde	1	2	11	11	40	4

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	13	—	3	50	15	26
Riverside	13	—	3	45	27	26
Emmore	10	3	3	52	19	23
Warringah	9	3	4	47	24	21
Yagoona	8	3	—	50	26	19
Auburn	8	—	8	31	35	16
St. Marys	7	1	7	36	41	15
Arndcliffe Scots	6	2	8	24	31	14
Kewpies	5	2	9	25	33	12
Penrith	3	4	9	31	51	10
Sydney Uni.	2	4	10	21	42	8
Gymea	1	1	9	16	54	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rovers	10	1	2	52	13	20
Condell Park	8	1	2	35	15	17
All Stars	7	2	3	31	21	16
Gville-Hornsby	6	2	3	28	14	14
Revesby	6	—	6	27	32	12
Dee Why	4	3	5	24	26	11
West Ryde	3	2	7	24	31	8
Greenacre	1	1	9	18	54	3
Ffield-Kiev	1	1	9	16	54	3

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	10	—	3	54	22	20
Liverpool E.	8	1	3	29	18	17
Beverly Hills	7	3	3	37	26	17
Padstow Park	6	3	4	36	34	15
Newtown	6	2	5	28	22	14
Maroubra	6	1	5	28	30	13
Ku-ring-gai	4	1	8	33	33	9
Chelsea	3	3	7	19	41	8
Prospect	3	2	8	21	23	8
Central Utd.	2	2	9	18	43	6

LAST WEEK'S

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